Ornamental Grasses

Scientific Name/ Common Name	Light	Moisture	Height	Comments
Andropogon gerardii Big Bluestem	Full Sun	Low	4-6'	Native prairie grass; The large purple seed head resembles a turkey foot; Beautiful maroon fall color; Drought tolerant; Plant with other prairie grasses. Zones 4-9
Bouteloua gracilis 'Blonde Ambition' pp22,048 Blue Grama	Full Sun	Low	3'	Chartreuse flag like flowers fade to blonde on this intriguing native grass; Perfect for low maintenance landscapes; Drought tolerant, well drained soils. Zones 4-9 Plant Select®
Calamagrostis acutilflora 'Karl Foester' Feather Reed Grass	Full Sun	Medium to High	3-5'	Tidy vertical lines and large fluffy seed heads make this grass a garden staple; Feathery purple-green flowers turn to beige in late summer; Great for borders and moist areas of the yard. Zones 5-9
Calamagrostis brachytricha Korean Feather Reed Grass	Full Sun Part Shade	Medium to High	3-4'	Airy long pink flowers bob gracefully over bright green leaves; Cut clumps down to the ground in late winter; Tolerates dense clay soils. Plant Select® Zones 5-9
Chasmanthium latifolium 'North Sea Oats'	Full Sun Part Shade	Medium to High	2-5'	Large flat oat like seed heads hang gracefully off arching stems; Excellent for dried flower arrangements; Cut back to ground in spring; Tolerates most soils. Zones 3-8
Eragrostis trichodes Sand Love Grass	Full Sun	Low	2-3'	Purple tinted flowers on airy open panicles; Shiny dark green leaves turn bronze in the fall; Enjoys loose sandy soils, hence the name. Zones 4-9
Festuca glauca 'Boulder Blue' Blue Fescue	Full Sun Light Shade	Low	10-15"	Small dense mounds of silvery blue needle like leaves; Contrasting light beige flowers; Looks good planted in rows or patterns; Water regularly the first year. Zones 4-9

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Miscanthus sinensis 'Yaku Jima' Dwarf Fountain Grass	Full Sun Light Shade	Medium	3-4'	Large feathery panicles are covered in tiny flowers; Tall dark green foliage turns reddish brown for dramatic fall and winter interest; Zones 5-9
Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus' Maiden Grass	Full Sun	Low to Medium	5-6'	Very tall growing grass with large fluffy plumes; Forms a large rounded mass with narrow leaves; Divide every few years. Zones 5-9
Miscanthus sinensis variegatus Variegated Maiden Grass	Full Sun	Low to Medium	5-6'	Beautiful variegated leaves are a stand out in any garden; Give them room to grow, as the clump can get to 3 feet across; Drought tolerant. Zones 4-9
Panicum virgatum 'Heavy Metal' Switch Grass	Full Sun	Medium	4'	This unique grass is known for the metallic sheen that coats its leaf blades; Dusted with tiny pink flowers in late summer; Grows neat and upright. Zones 5-9
Panicum virgatum 'Prairie Fire'	Full Sun Part Shade	Low to Medium	3-5'	The tips of this grass turn dark red in late summer; Airy panicles of rosy flowers; Tolerates most soils and salt. Zones 4-9
Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Hamlen'	Full Sun Part Shade	Medium to High	2'	Fluffy foxtail like pink plumes; Very showy grass with delicate stems; Plant in late spring; Small and compact, great for borders. Zones 5-9
Saccharum ravenue Plume Grass	Full Sun	Low to Medium	6-12'	This grass grows up to 12 feet tall on very little water! It grows best in dry poor soils. Plant as a back drop or as a privacy screen. Plumes appear in late summer towering above the foliage. Needs well-draining soil. Zones 5-9
Schizachyrium scoparium 'The Blues' Little Blue Stem	Full Sun	Low to Medium	2-4'	Native prairie grass; Blue tinted leaves turn rich burgundy in the fall; Flowers turn to cottony tufts of white seed heads. Very useful for fall color and texture. Zones 4-9